

REMARKS

This paper is filed in response to the Requirement for Restriction issued by the Examiner on August 15, 2006.

The Examiner has required Restriction between (I) Claims 1-4, drawn to a method of treating renal disease comprising administering a PPAR agonist, and (II) Claim 5, drawn to a method for screening agents for renal disease.

In response, the applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1-4) for prosecution on the merits in the present application. This election is made without traverse.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application(s) upon the subject matter of non-elected Claim 5.

Favorable action on the merits of Claims 1-4 is respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Raymond C. Stewart, Registration No 21,066 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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